



# Arizona Department of Transportation

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**Subject:** Use of DPS Officers to Supplement  
Traffic Control

## Use of Department of Public Safety Officers/Vehicles to Supplement Traffic Control

### Purpose

To clarify Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) policy regarding use of Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers/vehicles in construction and maintenance work zones to supplement traffic control.

### Background

ADOT has utilized DPS officers and vehicles at highway maintenance and construction sites statewide. This agreement was last updated in January 2003 and renewed annually. Several discussions have taken place between DPS and ADOT for the purpose of executing a new Interagency Services Agreement (ISA) without success. Effective November 15, 2008 the existing ISA will no longer be in effect.

## **Policy**

Until November 15, 2008 DPS personnel/vehicles may continue to be utilized. However, the ISA has not been amended to compensate DPS for any travel mileage to/from the construction site. ADOT has not agreed to any change to the current practice. Confirm only the hours being utilized on-site, as always been the practice. *Do not* sign anything that is not included in ADOT's standard form.

Effective November 15, 2008 ADOT construction personnel should continue to ensure that:

- traffic control complies with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), project plans or approved traffic control plans;
- the traffic plan stands alone without the presence of DPS officers/vehicles.

Due to the lack of a contractual agreement, in no case shall DPS be authorized for use on any construction project unless approved by the District Engineer, the Assistant State Engineer for Construction and the State Engineer's Office.

## **Study Committee**

ADOT is establishing a committee to establish policy and usage criteria to determine when and under what circumstances law enforcement are utilized to supplement traffic control. The committee will be requested to review Best Practices of other state DOTs through the AASHTO standing committees for construction, maintenance and traffic.